



Exercise 1

Choose the best answer to complete the sentences.

1. Come to our arts and crafts evening and try your ____ at something different.
a) nose b) heart c) hand
2. Don't stick your ____ into matters that don't concern you.
a) ears b) nose c) hand
3. Everyone stayed late yesterday – we're up to our ____ in work at the office.
a) hearts b) ears c) noses
4. The rebuilding of the old factory was a real labor of ____.
a) love b) heart c) business
5. The new committee at the sports club are making lots of changes and they really mean ____!
a) heart b) labor c) business
6. We believe that the judge is fair and has no ____ to grind.
a) ax b) bandwagon c) appetite

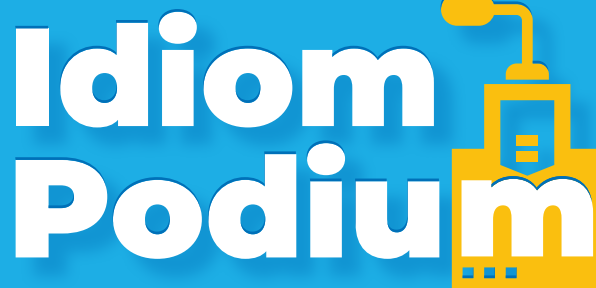
Exercise 2

Match sentence halves 1–6 with A–F to make complete sentences.

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| 1. It looks as though more and more companies... | A. ...wasn't in the picture at all. |
| 2. I knew Karate and had... | B. ...my heart wasn't in it. |
| 3. I congratulated the winners but... | C. ...the ability to steer clear of danger. |
| 4. I never wanted to be famous and I like... | D. ...will soon be jumping on the bandwagon. |
| 5. He has decided that art history... | E. ...to keep a low profile. |
| 6. He spoke as if I had nothing to do with it, as if I... | F. ...is not his cup of tea. |

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Decide if the following sentences are true (✓) or false (×).

1. If you have an **ax to grind**, you have certain attitudes that are based on personal experience.
2. If you **jump on the bandwagon**, you don't want to follow others in becoming involved in an activity.
3. If you **steer clear of something**, you want to get involved.
4. If you are **up to your ears** in something, you are very busy or involved.
5. If someone is **a nosey parker**, they want to know more information than they need.
6. If you **keep a low profile**, you want to become visibly involved in something.

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Read the sentences and choose the best explanation.

1. His heart isn't really in it.
 - a) He hates it.
 - b) He isn't completely happy with it.
2. I'm going to try my hand at pottery.
 - a) I'm going to see what it's like.
 - b) I'm not going to continue doing it.
3. It really sounds as if he means business.
 - a) I think he's serious about it.
 - b) I don't think he's serious about it.
4. I made this card myself. It was a real labor of love.
 - a) It didn't take long.
 - b) I worked very hard at it.
5. I don't want to poke my nose into your business.
 - a) I respect your privacy.
 - b) I want to be involved.
6. I'd steer clear of that issue, if I were you.
 - a) I'd get involved.
 - b) I would avoid it.



The Answer

Exercise 1

1. **c**
2. **b**
3. **b**
4. **a**
5. **c**
6. **a**

Exercise 2

1. **D**
2. **C**
3. **B**
4. **E**
5. **F**
6. **A**

Exercise 3

1. **true**
2. **false**
3. **false**
4. **true**
5. **true**
6. **false**

Exercise 4

1. **b**
2. **a**
3. **a**
4. **b**
5. **a**
6. **b**